

Coosa Valley Regional Development Center TMDL's

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has released the 2000 Clean Water Act Section 303 (d) List of Impaired Waters. This list identifies streams and creeks that do not meet water quality standards in the state. Section 303 (d) also requires that priority rankings be made for the waters on the list and that TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Implementation Plans be developed for each water body on the list. A TMDL specifies the maximum amount of pollution that a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards. It takes into consideration point and nonpoint sources of pollution.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) are currently under court orders to establish TMDL Implementation Plans for streams and creeks identified in the section 303 (d) list. EPD is to address and have plans for 20% of these streams or creeks by April 2001. They have identified the least complicated to do first. In order to accomplish this goal, EPD has contracted with local Regional Development Centers to develop TMDL Implementation plans and inventories for identified waterbodies.

The Coosa Valley RDC has completed Implementation Plans for the following:

- Chappell Creek in Chattooga County
- Lavender Creek in Floyd County
- Baxter Creek Tributary in City of Bremen (Haralson County)
- Tributary to Buck Creek in the City of Bremen (Haralson County)

Coosa Valley RDC will conduct inventories of the following creeks by September 30, 2001:

- Euharlee Creek in Bartow County
- Spring Creek in Chattooga County
- Tributary to Oothkalooga Creek in Gordon County



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